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Dear Sirs

The proposed settlement terms look as bad in the UK as they do to many of your fellow-countrymen.

Microsoft did not adhere to previous settlement undertakings. It cannot be relied to do so again, even on a modified honour system. Its gagging of virtually captive OEM customers concealed its illegal acts. Your proposed remedies give no assurance of future compliant behaviour in their present form.

Nothing in your proposals will prevent lock-in tactics by Microsoft. Competition will continue to be stifled and - as always - the customer loses out.

You should be looking for a solution which makes it impossible to carry on rolling the bundling snowball down the Microsoft hill, as seems to be happening with Windows WP.

I write as a Windows user.

Yours faithfully

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